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TO: All Providers

General Provider Letter: A-72

RE: Poverty Indicator on KYHealthNet

Dear KyHealth Choices Provider:

Kentucky Medicaid has added a poverty indicator to the KYHealthNet website. This indicator defines whether a member is at or below 100% of the federal poverty level. If a member is at or below 100% of the federal poverty level, a provider cannot refuse to provide services for non-payment of co-pays. If the member is above 100% of the federal poverty level, a provider may refuse to provide services if this is the current business practice for all patients.

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 mandates that members who are at or below 100% of the federal poverty level cannot be refused services for non-payment of co-pays. This legislation applies to all Medicaid participating providers.

If you have any questions regarding the usage of the poverty indicator, please call Provider Services at 800-635-2570.

Sincerely,

Glenn Jennings Commissioner

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